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ing of undesirables should not continue, and until it is certain that consanguineous marriages are to be approved, their prohibition by the state can occasion but little hardship.

WILLIAM B. BAILEY.

Yale University.

*Official Year Book of the Commonwealth of Australia, 1901-1907.*

By G. H. KNIBBS. (Melbourne: McCarren, Bird and Company, 1908. Pp. 931).

This book contains "authoritative" statistics for the period 1901-1907 and corrected statistics for the period 1788 to 1900. It is published under authority of the Minister of Home Affairs, and is an excellent compendium of financial, economic and social statistics, well arranged and thoroughly indexed. The author is a fellow of the Royal Statistical Society and is Commonwealth Statistician.

Sections cover: History of Australian Statistics; Federation and Federal Registration; the Australian Commonwealth and Australian Population; Vital Statistics; Land Tenure and Settlement; Pastoral Production; Agricultural Production; Farmyard and Dairy Production; Forestry and Forestal Products; Fisheries and Pisciculture; Mines and Mining; Manufacturing Industries; Water Conservation and Irrigation; Commerce; Shipping; Roads and Railways; Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones; Commonwealth Finance; State Finance; Private Finance; Public Instruction; Public Justice; Public Benevolence; General Government; Industrial Unionism and Industrial Legislation; Defence; and Miscellaneous.

There are maps and charts.

Subsequent Year Books are planned to continue the statistics, but will not republish those collated here.

C. C. P.

*The Iron Heel.* By JACK LONDON. (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1908. Pp. xiv, 354.)

This book is a social romance in some regards on the lines of *Looking Backward*. It purports to be a manuscript written